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25X1 5. [] LIAISON Received a telephone call from Don Sanders, staff of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics, concerning the draft Memorandum of Understanding for the Morgan-Schmitt Subcommittee which we had sent him on 4 April. (See Memorandum for [] dated 7 April.) 25X1

25X1 6. [] LIAISON Attended a meeting with representatives from the House Select Committee on Assassinations and the DDO. (See Memo for the Record.)

25X1 7. [] LIAISON Mike O'Neil, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence staff, called asking that we obtain and forward to Representative Bob Wilson (R., Calif.) an English translation of Arbatov's (the head of the USA Institute in Moscow) rebuttal of President Carter's Salem (Massachusetts) speech. I passed the requirement on to [] and told Mike that I was hopeful that the article would get to him prior to the close of business.

25X1 25X1 8. [] CONSTITUENT [] in the Roanoke office of Representative Caldwell Butler (R., Va.), called with a request for any information that we might have on Alexander Lee Lester (born November 11, 1934 in Tazwell County, Virginia) who has not been heard from since his parents received a package from Hong Kong in January 1971 with all of his personal papers in it. The package was addressed to them in their son's handwriting. After checking with the Offices of Personnel and Security, I informed Mr. Goodlatte that we did not have any indication that he had been associated with us. I suggested that Inter-pol might possibly be helpful.

25X1 9. [] LIAISON Mike Flannigan, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence staff, called requesting that we make available for his review the Pike Committee box entitled "State Department" and three of the seven "DOD" boxes. He will review the remaining four "DOD" boxes at a later date. I told him that I would get back to him on this.

25X1 10. [] LIAISON Rose Guyer, Legislative Assistant, in the office of Representative Thomas Kindness (R., Ohio), called asking which committees of Congress exercise oversight over the Agency. I gave her a quick explanation of the respective roles of the oversight committees.

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Rep. Richmond Gets Treatment As 1st Offender

By Laura A. Kiernan

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Rep. Frederick W. Richmond (D-N.Y.) pleaded innocent yesterday in D.C. Superior Court to one count of sexual solicitation and was immediately enrolled in a first offender treatment program.

Richmond, 54, was charged yesterday, in connection with an incident last February at his Northwest Washington home involving a male undercover police officer. Richmond, in a statement issued by his lawyers Wednesday night, acknowledged that he had solicited the officer "with payment of money."

The two-term congressman also said in the statement that he "made solicitations with payment of money to a young man beginning almost a year ago..." Richmond was charged only in connection with the solicitation of the police officer.

In his statement, Richmond said he had no "logical explanation" for the incidents, and said he has sought "appropriate professional advice." As a condition of his participation in the first offender program, Richmond has agreed to continue that treatment, the U.S. attorney's office said.

After a brief hearing in Superior Court yesterday, Judge Dyer Justice Taylor released Richmond on his personal recognizance and scheduled a trial by a judge for May 5. The sexual solicitation charge, a misdemeanor, is punishable by 90 days in jail, a \$250 fine or both.

Under terms of the first offender program, the charge against Richmond will be dismissed by the government on the trial date or earlier, if the congressman has complied with the conditions of his participation in the program, the prosecutor's office said.

James N. Owens, chief of the misdemeanor trial section of the U.S. attorney's office, said yesterday that enrollment in the first offender program is "standard" for all persons charged with violation of sexual solicitation laws, if the person has no prior criminal record.

First offenders charged with shoplifting, petty larceny and possession of small amounts of marijuana—all of which are misdemeanors—also can participate in the program, Owens said.

Last year, 2,000 persons were enrolled in the first offender program. Of this total, 1,200 participants were charged with sexual solicitation, Owens said.

Richmond, a millionaire industrialist, represents the 14th Congressional District in Brooklyn. Yesterday, 20 members of the New York delegation to the House of representatives issued a written statement in which they offered their "compassion and understanding" to Richmond, whom they described as "one of the most effective and hard-working members of Congress." Richmond is secretary of the New York delegation.

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New Law Sets 70 as Retirement Age; President Advocates an Expansion

By Edward Walsh
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President Carter signed into law yesterday legislation that will prohibit employers from forcing most employees to retire because of age before they are 70 and will eliminate mandatory retirement altogether for most federal employees.

In a signing ceremony in the White House Rose Garden, the president implicitly endorsed extending the new law so that most Americans, not just federal employees, cannot be forced to retire solely because of age.

"This legislation will remove any age limit on employment in the federal government," he said. "And we hope this will be a good example for the rest of the nation to emulate . . . We are encouraging state and local governments to follow the lead of the federal government."

Rep. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.), whose district includes a large number of elderly voters, has already announced that he will introduce legislation to eliminate mandatory retirement for almost all workers.

The legislation signed yesterday does not affect the age at which people are eligible to receive Social Security benefits.

The retirement provisions, a revision of existing law prohibiting compulsory retirement before age 65, are effective Sept. 30 for federal employees and next Jan. 1 for state and local government employees and employees of private firms. They state that private employers with 20 or more workers and state and local governments may not require an employee to retire before 70 solely because of age.

An exception is employees covered by collective bargaining agreements that contain mandatory retirement clauses. They would be exempted until the agreement runs out or Jan. 1, 1980, whichever comes first.

The retirement provisions also do not apply to executives and "high policymaking employees" who are eligible for an annual pension of \$27,000 or more. These employees could still be required to retire at 65.

Also exempt are such federal employees as law enforcement personnel, firefighters, air traffic controllers, foreign service officers and certain CIA personnel.

Carter used the signing ceremony to address another subject of interest to older Americans—the Social Security system. He praised Congress for "courageously, at some political cost," voting to increase Social Security taxes. In effect he was criticizing the current congressional efforts to roll back the tax increase.

In another development, the White House released a transcript from an interview of the president Wednesday

on the television program "Black Perspective on the News."

Defending his record in office, Carter said in the interview that he believes he has earned the 94 percent of the black vote he received in the 1976 election and that the administration's record in dealing with blacks is not subject to "legitimate criticism."

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